(c) what are the various shcemes formulated and being implemented by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An annual action plan, keeping in view the annual programme issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Deptt. of Official Language), is chalked out every year for effective implementation and promotion of official language in the Ministry and its subordinate organisations. Main features of the action plan are the following:—

(1) Meeting of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti and Official Language Implementation Committee in each quarter.

(2) Inspection of various subordinate offices of the Ministry.

(3) Publication of Hindi quarterly magazine 'Paryavaran'.

(4) Evaluation of Hindi books on subjects related to environment under the scheme of award for original writings in Hindi.

(5) Observation of Hindi Day/ Hindi Week.

(6) Organisation of a Hindi workshop in each quarter.

(c) The following schemes are being implemented by the Ministry:

(1) Award scheme for original writings in Hindi on subjects related to environment, etc.

(2) Incentive scheme for doing noting and drafting in Hindi.

(3) Cash award to typists and stenographers for doing Hindi typing and Hindi Stenography work along with their routine work in English.

(4) Organisation of various competitions during Hindi week and distribution of prizes to the winners.

(5) Cash incentive for published articles, poems, etc. in Paryavaran Magazine.

Consumption of Bamboo by Hindustan Paper Mill Assam

3542. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how much forest bamboo from the forests of Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya has been consumed by the Hindustan Paper Mill, located at Jagiroad, Nowgaon in Assam;

(b) at what rate the bamboo is being supplied to this Mill for the last two years; and

(c) on what consideration the bamboo is supplied to the Mill at a cheaper rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Poaching of wildlife in Arunachal Pradesh

3543. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Miniser of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poaching of valuable Wild Lives in the forests of Arunachal Pradesh which has threatened the existence of rare species in this part of Himalayan Region;

(b) if so, how many raids were conducted by the Wild Life Department to apprehend the culprits during the last one year; and